

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Assassination of President John Fitzgerald KENNEDY -

Agency views as to how information should
be made known to Warren Commission (and

1. Your liaison officer with this Agency, requested that we indicate our views and wishes with respect to the means by which information, which has been or may be acquired by this Agency, should be made known to the Commission appointed by President Johnson in order that its needs may be met.

2. While we have had extensive liaison on various aspects of this matter and our activities in respect thereto are well known to your Bureau, perhaps a brief, general resume of the steps we have taken would be fitting as background for our response to your request. As you know, following the assassination many reports of various kinds were received by U.S. Government representatives at home and abroad. The sources of the reports were of varying degrees of reliability. Our established sources, including certain foreign liaison services, voluntarily contributed information coming to their attention. Liaison services were also contacted in instances in which it was thought they might be able to provide information of interest. On your request, and also on our own initiative in instances in which names of interest appeared in public media or otherwise came to our attention, we checked our files for information which might be helpful. All information considered significant which was received by this Agency or found in its files, irrespective of the nature, sensitivity, or reliability of sources thereof, was promptly relayed to your Bureau.

3. In instances in which we have been the initial recipient of information of interest, we have sought your wishes where appropriate with respect to further action in deference to the responsibilities given to your Bureau by the President. In some instances your Bureau received abroad information concerning activities and events in the life of Lee Harvey OSWALD which complemented or which coincided with information obtained by this Agency. We have reference to OSWALD's visit to Mexico. Our representatives there were in direct working liaison, and in connection with one aspect jointly conducted an interview

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to resolve an allegation that OSWALD was in Mexico City at a time when investigation by your Bureau tended to establish that he was in New Orleans. We are advised through liaison that you have already called to the attention of the Commission, through its attorney, that we have information coinciding with dates when OSWALD was in Mexico City and which may have some bearing on his activities while in that area. We are also advised through liaison that you provided to the Commission at the same time information concerning the above mentioned allegation and interview to resolve it, and suggested that inquiry be made of this Agency should further information be desired concerning these matters.

4. OSWALD traveled abroad on occasions to Mexico, Japan, Philippine Islands, to, from and within the Soviet Union where he lived for some time and was married to a Soviet citizen who returned with him to the United States. Documents originating with and/or found to have been in possession of OSWALD or his wife and having possible significance in relation to this matter were recovered and have been made available to this Agency. These documents contain information of possible significance to a determination by the Commission of facts pertinent to their inquiry. To be of all possible assistance to the Commission, we are giving careful study to all materials and information received by this Agency, for the purpose of providing the Commission at the appropriate time with any comments, observations, additional information required from checks of our records, or recollections of our sources. We may be called upon to provide possible interpretations to be placed on items of information contained in the documents. These efforts on our part have no bearing upon and should not be interpreted in any way as a change in the procedures by which we have provided support and assistance to your Bureau in carrying out your investigative responsibilities.

5. We anticipate that certain of our personnel may appear before the Commission. With respect to certain information of which you are fully informed, we propose to arrange directly for the cooperation of the Commission in its protection. We feel that given the circumstances outlined above, to meet the needs of the Commission, and to enable us to counsel with the Commission to the end that our sources and methods, with the Commission's cooperation, may be afforded protection, the following policies should be employed:

a. Your Bureau not disseminate information received from this Agency without prior concurrence.

b. In instances in which this Agency has provided information to your Bureau and you consider that the information is pertinent to the Commission's interest, and/or complaints or otherwise is pertinent to information developed or received by your Bureau through other sources and is being provided by you to the Commission

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you refer the Commission to this Agency. In such cases it will be appreciated if you will advise us of such referral in order that we may anticipate the possible further interest of the Commission and initiate action preparatory to meeting its needs.

c. In any instance in which the above procedure does not meet the needs of your Bureau, you inform this Agency through liaison channels in order that the matter may be resolved in a manner consistent with the interests of both your Bureau and this Agency.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

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